LOUISA, LAWRENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, JANUARY 8, 1919.

GASOLINE EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE PEOPLE

Horrible Accident Near Catlettsburg at Gas Company's Pant.

THE VICTIMS. MRS. M. A. WALKER aged

HATTIE ARMSTRONG, aged 14. SANFORD ARMSTRONG, aged 12. STELLA A. HOLLINSWORTH, aged

LOUIS HOLLINSWORTH, aged

The Hollinsworth children are children of L. P. Hollinsworth, foreman of the gasoline plant of the United Gas Fuel Company located above two and a half miles above Catletts two and a half miles above Catletts-burg on the Kentucky side of the Big Sandy Riven. The other two children are children of Chas. Arm-strong, a neighbor of the Hollins-worth family. Mrs. Mr. A. Walker-lived up the hollow from the scene of the conflagration.

One woman an afour children wer burned to death Monday evening nea Catlettsburg and the home at which they were was destroyed by flame parents of two of the children were in the house at the time th fire started ill from the effects influenza and are in a serious condition because of the shock and the

Sust how the fire started is a mys tery and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hollins worth .two of whose children wer-cremated and whose house was destroyed by the fire are not able to be questioned concerning the affair and Mrs. Walker and the children were so badly burned that they wer dead, or almost so when neighbor reached the scene of one of the worst tragedies in the history of Boyd

Covered With Gasoline Fumes.

The house which was burned was a small cottage which stood about one hundred an dfifty feet from the railroad siding on which was stand-ing a gasoline tank car which was being filled from the gasoline man-facturing plant of the United Gas Fue Company near. There were two men engaged in supervising the filling the tank but they seemed unable to throw any light o nhow the fire started. Apparently, however, the children and Mrs. Walker were on the porch of the house and were covered with fumfrom the gasoline when their clothing caught fire, burning them so they were almost unrecognizable. Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth being indoors were not affected by the gasoline fumes and were unable to make their escape from the burning house with burns. The mental and physical shock which they sustained, however, was very great and today they are critically ill, especially Mrs. Hollings-worth, who was nearing maternity.

Neighbors Helpless Neighbors who rushed to the scene were unable to give any assistance in

saving the house owing to the extreme heat and the rapidity with which the Officials of the Gas Company while in the dark as to the true cause of the tragedy are of the opinion that the fire originated i nor near the house from gasoline fumes as the gasoline tank did not explode and the fire on it

wa sconfined to the top of the dome of the tank. Physicians from Ashland, Catletts- The series burg, Huntington and Kenova were Garmo at the hastily summoned by neighbors of the serious preached stricken families as soon as it was by Rev. De Garmo were clear and realized what had happened. The re-

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death while trying to save the lives of her young charges.—Ash-

GAS RESOURCES OF EASTERN KY.

Barbourville, Ky., December 29,-Natural gas operations in Eastern Kentucky have made such progress as to justify the belief that this state will ie time rival West Virginia in na-

tural gas production.

A limited market has delayed a thorough development of the field, but during the past year some of the largest development companies in the country have thoroughly prospected from Boyd and Carter counties, on the north, down through the eastern tier of counties to Knox and Whitley, near

KENTUCKY BOY HONORED

a Frankfort boy has conferred the honor of carrying the confidential dispatches of Col. E. M. House in Paris. James Ccott Polsgrove son of A. G. Polsgrove, of Fran-kfort, has been appointed private messenger to Col. House, and to him will fall much of the responsible and important work of transmitting the dispatches during the peace conference. Polsgrove enlistd in the marins last May, and while in training at Paris Island, S. C., was awarded honors and a medal for superior marksmanship. He sailed for sons in July

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

"The Meaning and Manner of a Mighty Power" is the subject for the "Convictions" is the Morning service 10:30.

Sunday school 9:00 a. m. Enworth League 5:30 p. m. Prayer meeting 6:30 Wednesday

Bible class 6:39 Thursday p. m To all of these services you cordiatty invited. HERBERT CHAMBIERS, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday school 9:20 a. m. Preaching service 10:30 a.m. Svening worship 6:00. Prayer meeting Wednesday 5

First Wednesday night in menth, business meeting. You are cordially invited to attend all services. J. T. POPE Pastor.

THREE-MINUTE SPEAKERS FOR MISSIONARY CAUSE

A part of the campaign of the Cer eacy movement now on in Southern lien to ruise thirty-five millions dollars in five years is the use of ree-minute speakers at all services, the great movement. No collections are taken, but it is a campaign of edu-ation. Mr. A. O. Carter is chairman if the Louisa campaign and is provid-Mrs. Hager and two sons survive. ng a speaker at each service held in ha M. E. Church South

WAUGH & VINSON LOCATE IN ASHLAND

TWO WELL KNOWN ATTORNEYS OPEN A LAW OFFICE IN BOYD COUNTY.

Attorneys Fred M. Vinson, of Lousa and John M. Waugh, of Grayson have formed a law partnership and ond National Bank Building, Mr. Waugh is Commonwealth's Attorney of this district and has three years yet to serve. It is not yet announced whether or not he will fill out his

term or realgn. and has bright prospects. wil lcontinue to practice in the Lawrence Calcust Court, but will probably spend most of his time in Ashland Waugh has established a wide reputation as a lawyer. It is a very strong firm and they are sure to build up a good line of practice.

Christmas was celebrated in all of the churches with appropriate exervarious Masonic bodies in Ashland by ches. It was truly a joyous season which he was honored by the highest with peace on earth once more. The series conducted by Rev. De dependent.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dempsey entertain- want to list their dogs and pay the ed their children at dinner on Christ- taxes that it has been somewhat diffimet their death and Mrs. Wal- mas. The following being present: cult for the office force to meet the was there assisting in the care. Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Barton and demand at time. It is surprising how of the family, the father an dmother of children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper popular the dogs are. If a cur and which were too ill to do so themselv- and children of Paintsville, Mrs. Chas. a lamb were to get on opposite ballon and children of Paintsville, Mrs. Chas. a lamb were to get on opposite ballots Moss of Jenkins and Miss Gladys at in an election in this county the indi-

Boyd county from Carter county several years ago.

The Armstrong family resided in the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Harold Speer, who has been attend- most votes. Catlettsburg. Mrs. A. D. Speer. Miss Irene Speer It is believed that Mrs. Walker met returned to Pikeville college after spending Christmas at home.

Spence and daughter, Marie are visiting Mrs. Spence's sisters, Mes-B. Gobie, G. W. Ward and J. C. Newberry.

The young folks of Inez made merry during Christmas week, On Thursday night they were entertained at BISHOP DARLINGTON the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kirk On Friday night they were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Cassady. while on Saturday night Miss Ires Speer was hostess at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Speer. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newberry enter-

mas week. Misses Roberta and Nellie Kirk spent their vacation from Paintsville

JUDGE S. W. HAGER DIES AT OWENSBORO

CHAIRMAN OF STATE WORK MAN'S COMPENSATION BOARD AND FORMER NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR.

Judge S. W. Hager a former Ashand citizen, died Saturday morning at is home in Owensboro, Ky., following an illness of over a year's duration

lue to a nervous breakdown. The remains arrived in Ashland o Sunday afternoon and were taken to sunday atternoon and were taken to the home of S. P. Hager where the funeral services were held Monday morning. The pastor of the Christian Church at Owensboro of which Judge Hager was an active member had charge of the services assisted by Rev Donald Ford, pastor of the First Chris

ian Church, Ashland.

Judge Hager who was a nephew of Mr. Sam P. Hager and coustn of Judge John S. Hager, Edgar B. Hager and W. C. Hager, of Ashland was, prior to going to Owensboro, engaged the clothing business in Ashland. Upon going to Owensboro Mr. Hager engaged in the newspaper business oming owner and publisher of the wensboro Inquirer which became on ne of the most prominent democratic ublications in the state. Mr. Hager using it as a medium to advance the nuse of the Democratic party in the councils of which he took a leading art. Judge Hagard at the time of is death was chairman of the State Workman's Compensation Board, and it was while attending a meeting of the board at Frankfort about a year ago that he was seized with the ill-ness which resulted in his death. Judge Hager served as that treasurer and auditor and was the Democratic nominee for governor in 1907. He also

Bruce, who wa sassociated in newspaper business with his father in Owensboro and Lawrence, who is in France, serving as a lieutenant with the American army and to whom was sent a cablegram last week advising mo fhis father's serious condition same as no word has been heard from

Wilbur S. Hager was born in Salyers ville, Ky., in 1858, being a son of Wm. and Phoebe Hager, pioneer citizens of the Big Sandy Valley, whose sterling character did much to instill inthe minds and hearts of the sturdy people of that section of the state the principles of right, justice and the ve and fear of God. The characteristics of his parents were plainly marked Wilbur Hager and to hom and the mthe state owes much for the splendid civic and religious influence

ich they exerted. The part which Judge Hager took n the political affairs of his home ounty, state and nation was a very man in Kentucky is better known in army.

Kentucky politics than that of Judge By nine o'clock the residence was S. W. Hager, upon whom his party conferred many honors in addition to those already mentioned among which was the chairmanship of the state committees at which he was in charge of many of the state campaigns, a work that always resulted in addi-

Judge Hager was a member of the

PAYING DOG TAXES.

The new dog law in Kentucky is the most stringent ever enacted and it is Rev. Charles Barton arrived from putting the people to a test. The Lawclerk's office has had rence county such a rush lately of dog owners who cations are that the dog would get the

AUSTRIA STARVING.

Anarchy or food is the cry from Austria and Rumania, according to cables from Herbert Hoover. The cap-ital of Austria, it is said has only enough food for ten days and Rumania relief is forthcoming.

WINS PRAISE

Bishop Darlington has so many tained their children during the Christ friends in this district that the following article from the Nashville Christian Advocate will be of interest Sandy Valley Seminary with their grandmother Mrs. Alice M. Kirk.

Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Hart of Pike- vocate about the North Carolina Con-

RAIN KEEPS SENATOR MARTIN ON THE EARTH

Washington, Dec. 31.—Continuous drizziling rain prevented Sanator Mar-tin from taking his scheduled ride over Washington in an army airplane to-Kentucky's junior Senator was to

have gone up in a plane driven by military aviator who has seen ve service on the western front. Discussing to-night, the postpone nent of his flight, Senator Marti said he presumed he would take his first airplane ride some time next week, the weather permitting.

WALBRIDGE.

Pvt. Fred J. See of Camp Dix, N. J. came home on a furlough for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crit se. He left Christmas day for camp. Sam and Wayne See of Pt. Pleas ant. W. Va., came for a visit with home folks while their brother Fred was at home.

Lawrence Peters has returned from Yeager, W. Va. Chas. Ferrel returned to Russell Saturday

Welzie Peters of Camp Sheridan, Ala., came on a furlough to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Jane Peters. He returned to camp Monday.

Mrs. A. C. Ferrel left Saturday to

visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Marrs of Pike county. The Christmas tree and entertainment December 24, was largely at-tended. Several presents were distributed. A few minutes talk by each of the three soldier boys present was interesting.

Willis J. Wells, who recently arrived in New York came home for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wells. He has been over the top quite a number of times, was severely wounded, was on battlefield, 26 hours before any one came to him. He has interesting experiences to tell.

Mrs. Wells received a letter from her son, Taimage, stating he is in a Kentucky hospital and a li soon be home for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Petara left Tues-

RETURNED SOLDIERS GUESTS OF HONOR

lay for a visit to Portsmouth

DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION GIVEN IN A LOUISA HOME NEW YEARS EVE.

The old year was mustered out Tueslay night in Louisa at the hospitable some of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Adams. and when, at the zero hour, the New Year arrived and went over the top for its twelve months service it found quite a crowd of jolly young people gathered there to give it a boost and

Credit for this happy affair is due to Mrs. Will McDyer, daughter of the household, who is here visiting her parents. The chief feature was that of progressive one and the name of no who have returned home from the

filled with guests. Seen the strains of patriotic music sounded through the rooms, calling forth from their quarof Red Cross nurses and soldier boys who marched down the stairway, thru the dining room and into the parlor. tional prestige to his ability, honesty Loud applause from all the guests and sagacity. panied the march of the inspiring prosoldiers when they marched to the parlor and formed into a receiving line

n the following order: Ed. K. Spencer, Sergeant Major Lieut. Howard Highberger. Lieut, Eskill Adams.

James B. Hughes. George W. McClure. Luther Atkins. Will T. Cain, Jr. After the guests had passed down

the line an appropriate prayer was offered by Rev. H. O. Chambers. Then came the singing of patriotic songs by a chorus; a very pretty vocal render-ing of "There's a Long, Long Trail" by Miss Gladys Atkins; and some excellent violin music by Misses Kissie Burns and Agnes Abbott, Mrs. G. R. Vinson was planist, In the dining room the guests were

served with delicious and perfectly

"A very delightful evening" was the sincere verdict of each guest. The il o'clock, leaving only those of mili-tary age to salute the New Year.

SUNRISE UPON THE OCEAN.

Recently a Louisa layman was called upon to make a short address at a meeting. His response contained a word picture that elicited considerable praise from many who heard the ad-dress and we are printing a portion of it here. Because of his modesty we hesitate to give his name. (His initials are fhyates):

north, down through the eastern titer the Tennesses borter. Some of these wells are supplying small local declined to the complete the majority and the majority and the majority and the majority and the same flavorable in the sam

will surely tell in the reports which will be made at next Conference.

The Conference had the pleasure of having Bishop Denny present though it was only for a short while. In the start part of the resiston Bish maintain, cal of the new Democracy that shall ington received news, out he grows his wife to for centuries have the carsh in the start both feel its ower his up.

DATE OF ROAD **MEETING CHANGED**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, IS TIME FOR BIG SANDY HIGHWAY MEET AT PAINTSVILLE.

The date of the Big Sandy highway eeting at Paintsville has been charged from January 2 to February 18 at Their plea was that so many who are interested in the project are just now very busy with invoicing and other work that must be done in the first

The Rotary Club of Ashland plans to have a big attendance at the meet-ing on February 10. Huntington business men also are showing much in-terest. Let everybody boost the meeting at Paintsville. Dont wait to be in-It is for everybody who fee a real interest in good roads. Show your colors by being there.

LETTER FROM FRANCE.

Miss Carrie Borders, of South Portsmouth, Ky., received the following letter a few weeks ago from life for his country November 5. He was from Ulysses, and a young man who was loved by all who knew him. friends learned of his death with much regret:

Somewhere in France. Dear Old Friend: Today, while thinking of home and friends will answer your letter that I received yesterday, and can say I was mighty giad to hear from you, dear old playmate.
I wonder if we will ever be together

again like we were at school? I hope so any way. Your letter was on the way quite awhile. Would like to hear from you oftener as your letters ar so cheerful. I have been in the southern part of

France for some time and am anxious to go to the front. I hope to get one good shot at those "devils" (pardon me) the Huns I mean. Guess they will et me sure. I suppose the folks in the U. S. A., think war is fun. As for me I can't say so. I am here and know something

certainly is no place for a one-eyed Too bad about your friend. I know it's hard to give them up for I've had the experience. I gave father, mother, sisters and sweetheart, but Am trusting God for my return. I turned

about it and I'll say this much. It

and walked away from them with very heavy heart. I never let love bother my mind now I have something alse to do, but when the war is over and I come back I think I will settle down and live a

happy, peaceful life. Wishing you a long, happy life and hoping you write me another letter as encouraging as the rest have been God be with you is the prayer of your old friend and playmate.

ASBERRY. WILLIAM MARCUM.

William Marcum was born in Law-rence-co., Ky., June 6, 1894, and was suddenly called to the great beyond December 7, 1918. William was a son of Pharoah and Emma Marcum and was a coal miner and was working in the mines at Sesser, Ill., when he me his sad fate between two coal cars far down in the earth and far from h and friends except Mr. Robert Evans, The soldiers were in uniform went to Sesser, Ill., with him. He took and the girls impersonating nurses his remains back to his home in Ohio wore the regulation Red Cross cos-tume. Mrs. D. C. Spencer, mother of Ed. K. Spencer, just returned from a He was an honest some time ago. led the procession of jolly and courteous in his manner and made many friends wherever he went. Death came at an unexpected monent and his spirit fled to the God

who gave it Death is an unwelcome guest in any home, but comes to all, no age or sex is spared and we must bow to the will of Him 'who doeth all things well.' He leaves father, mother, two sisters, two brothers and many friends. Heaven has gained another soul.

He had been in the U. S. service and was discharged and came home. He is now discharged from the wars of conflicts of this life and has gone home to meet Norah G., Pauline and Frank and many friends that loved him here on earth. The writer knew him from childhood and to know him was to love him. Weep not, William is a

YANK TROOPS VERY HEALTHY

Cobles, December 35.—The percent age of sickness among the occupying troops is unusually low, according to ical officers. The number of cases in the eight evacuation hospitals within the occupied area is about 4,000, mos

of them being influenza.
Figuring the number of occupying

MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS.

Pharo Owburn spent Christmas with his family near Echo. The gas man is not worrying Mr.Osburn in the least at his home, he owning his own well from which a pressure of pounds is steadily maintained. So while some of us town folks are grumbling about high gas bills and low pressure these days. Pharo grins and says we'd better sell out and buy us a farm and have our own gas wells.-Ceredo

WAR IS FOLLOWED BY PESTILENCE

Every war has been accompanied by pestilence of more or less severity. as well as famine. These evils seem to go hand in hand as a triple alliance In the old days when wars were common there were plagues of chol-era, the black death, and smallpox that carried the people off. In the Civil war the main scourges were dyentery and yellow fever.

During our war with Spain typhoid fever carried off more soldiers than Spanish guns did. The people in 1914 thought it per fectly easy to master diseases and

prevent any more scourges. Then came the World war, such a war as the world had never dreame of, which was accompanied by th Spanish influenza ,or a form of la-grippe, which was world wide reaching about all parts of the earth, and which has taken hundreds of thousands of lives in toll an dis still claim ng victims by the thousands. This disease will soon run its course

REV. FOGLESONG.

The Huntington Herald-Dispatch says: The Rev. W. H. Foglesong, pas-tor of the Emmanuel M. E. Church outh, presided at the services of the church Sunday despite the severity of his injuries received when he fell recently. Rev. Foglesong received large gash over the eyes as he struck the pavement after slipping on the ice Several stitches were necessary to close the wound.

KENTUCKY'S ENTIRE **DEBT TO BE PAID**

Louisville, Ky., Dec. \$1 .- Inheri tance taxes on the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Liley Bingham, formerly Mrs. Hanry M. Flagler, of New York i spaid on the basis of a final valuai spaid on the basis of a final valua-tion, will produce \$4.587.418.99, and not only cover the indebtedness of the State of Kentucky, placed at \$3,-165,106.10, but leaves a balance in the State treasury of \$1,372.312.79, accord-ing to the report of the state Inheri-tance appraiser, filed in County Court here today.

here today. here today.

The report shows the estate to be worth \$99,534,865.44, and increase of approximately \$30,000,000 over the valuation placed upon it by the executors at the time of Mrs. Bingham's death in Louisville, July 27, 1917.

The torressed valuation excells the The increased valuation swells the portion of Mrs. Louise Clisby Wisc. of New York ,the favorite niece of Mrs. Bingham and the principal beni-ficiary under her will ,to \$72,846,639.45 according to the figures of the apprais

MADGE

ing at Ashland returned home Sun-

OliverBurchett, of Deephole busines visito rhere Monday. Henry May, who has been v relatives in Pikeville ,returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Bradley and children spent Christmas with J. Bradley and family. Mrs. Burnam Roberts visited Mrs

M. Nelson Tuesday. Walter Barnett, of Martha, W. Va is the guest of relatives here. Bro. Parker, of Irish Creek, visite visited R. T. May and family Friday and Saturday night. Lee Adams, who has been visiting home folks returned to Ashland

Friday. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Spillman, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. May Miss Bessie Bradley, of Lundale, W. Va., spent Christmas with home folks Martin Adams was a business vistor at Yatesville Friday.

Louisa Monday . Miss Dell Turner spent Monday evning with Misses Georgia Lee and Gladys Hays.

Mrs. John Wellman and children spent Monday with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Fernando Meek, of Bussey-

Milt Bradley and Allen Hutchinson ent Sunday evening with J. N. Rob-Little Richard Nolen is very sick a this writing.

Miss Bessle Clarkson visited her
cousin, Miss Ines Wellman, Friday.

Vincent Nolen called on Miss Bisnet

Kay Jordan, of Louise, was here

J. O. Pigg and son, Lonnie, were Elward Huchison, of Evergreen spent Tuesday wit bhome folks. Lee Nolen left Sunday for Lee coun Busneyville Tuesday. ty where he has employm at.
Thomas Clarkson, of Nevaco, W. Ve John Nelson and wife left Thurs

day for Columbua Ohio, where t Willie McGuire, of Louisa visited Mrs. Fred Bradley is no better a his writing. Dan Wellman spent Sunday with John Clarkson an dfamily.
Mrs. J. F. Nolen and daughter, Eff

le .were shopping at Busseyville Monday. S. F. Roberts visited John Clarkson School closed here Friday with Mis

Weeping Willow

JUDGE WILL HAMPTON WEDS MISS STOVALL

a successful term.

THE PRICE OF GAS WORRY HIM BRIDGE COLLAPSES WITH G. R. LEWIS

Louisa Traveling Salesman and Horse Injured by Bridge Falling.

George R. Lewis, the traveling salesman, he has narrow escape from death on Nel cears day. He started or a soft his gular trips up Tug over valley on horseback. When growing Donithan creek on a bridge located near Robt. W. Vinson's home the bridge gave way, George and the horse went cown with the wreckingle into the swollen stream. Both escaped alivo, which is a very remarkable fact. George is cossiderable bruised and quite sore from the fall but otherwise he is reconsiderable bruined from the fall but of ported to be all right. The horse was not able to make the return trip to Louisa. A team and buggy were sent to Donithan and George was brough

MORAL:-A stitch in time on of the bridges in this county may save lives, lawsuits and a lot of money.

WILLIE HATFIELD SAFE. Robert Hatfield of Lowmansville, has heard from his son, Willie Hat-field, who is in France and has been in some of the hardest fighting. He wa sin the battle of Argonne Forest for twenty days in succession. The letter which was written De

Such is the history of all wars and will continue to be. Dear Father:-Received your lett of November 6. Glad you all are well. This leaves me well. Am still at Passavant, France; don't know just how long we will be here. I don't know when I will get to come back home. We may have to go to Gedmany to do guard duty yet, and if we do that do guard duty yet, and if we do that will mean next summer before I get home. I hardly think we will have to go into Germany, though in the army you can't tell anything about what is going to take place until you get or ders to move. Some say we will be among the first ten divisions returning to America, but I con't how.

We haven't had much cold scather yet, but plenty of rain. The building that I am staying in was built in 1896. France is sure some old country, little old stone villages everywhere. I have not seen a town yet as large or pretty as Paintsville.

Everybody here was very happy and overloyed when the war ended.

There are no boys from home with

overloyed when the war ended.

There are no boys from home with me except Ed. George, but these are lots of boys from Lawrence county with me. I saw Jack Tahnoose the other day. He had just returned from the hospital. He received slight wound but is all right now. I received a letter from Simon Chancler. He said Arile Spears was in the hospital the was working in. Simon is at Camp Hass, France. There is a boy from Louisa with me. He gets the Big Sandy News and I get to read it.

The last big drive I was in we had 5000 guns of large calibre firing on the huns all at the same time. The drives we made on the Verdun from is what won the war. In the last attack we made on the huns I got knocked out for about an hour with a three

ed out for about an hour with a three inch shell, but I didn't go to the happital. It seemed to affect my hear in some way and I take amothering spells yet and can hardly get my

PVL WILLIE HATFIELD Co. A. 113 Inf., A. E. F. A. P. O., 765, France

ORA WESLEY BACK. On December the 24th the death ar gel visited the home of Mr. and Mr C. A. Back, 868 Bennett street, Ma

rion. Ohio, and took their son. Ora-Wesley. Before he die'l he expressed a hope in Christ and said Jesus will go with me all the way. I am going to cross that great river on the white ship to that city called Heaven. His next words were "weep not." He was 18 years and six months old He was laid to rest in the Marian

oss is his gain .

A father, mother and three sisters Death was due to influenza follow by pneumonia.

His former home was Mattie, Lawrence county, Kentucky.

Mrs. J. W. Dixon has returned hot from Gallup where she taught scho-the term having closed last week

COST OF THE WAR HAS BEEN HEAVY

Washington, Dec. 81.—It cost the American people about \$18,690,000,000 to run its war government and make loans to allies in the year ending today, according to computations fro

Treasury reports.

December expenditures sent the war costs to date to about \$24,500,000,000.

Of the 18,160,000,000 paid out of the treasury's coffers in 1918, probably \$10,000,000,000 went for the army and the general military establishment about \$2,000,000,000 for the navy, \$1. 000,080,000 for the shipbuilding program, \$1,00,000,000 for other civil government needs and \$4,150,000,000 as cans to America's brothers in arms.

BLAINE.

ment at this blace was larger and the little folks could not be be in delivering their recttations.

Mrs. Hester Helton was visiting his brother L. C. Swetnam last Monday.

A. J. Holton, who is traveling f Dixon, Moore and company is opening the helidays at home.

Henry Walton, who has been camp for a while has his dischargand is back home. We are glad to a Henry back. He is a bright boy as was greatly missed in this community.

umber of her young friend or Christmas day. They we rishing Christmas would co-w weeks if they could have prunity to enjoy such a co-tal way.